

72nd PERMANENT HIGH LEVEL GROUP

Vienna, 18 June 2024

1. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Branka Knežević for the Presidency and Ms. Yolanda Garcia Mezquita for the European Commission as Vice-Presidency.
2. The Permanent High Level Group (PHLG) approved the revised agenda for the meeting.
3. The PHLG finalised the conclusions of its last meeting on 18 March 2024.

Acquis under preparation

4. Upon presentation by the European Commission and the Secretariat, the PHLG was informed about the acquis and related decisions to be proposed for adoption by the Ministerial Council and the PHLG in 2024 and invited the European Commission to present the envisaged proposals at the next PHLG meeting in September.

Implementation of the Treaty

5. The Secretariat presented an update of its work and activities in the first half of 2024, including open infringement procedures.
6. In view of the expiry of the mandates of the President and the members/alternate members of the Advisory Committee established under Article 32 of the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement at the end of 2024, the Secretariat invited all Parties to solicit the application of suitable candidates for appointment by the Ministerial Council. It recalled that under the Rules of Procedure for Dispute Settlement, members shall be chosen from persons whose independence is beyond doubt and who possess the qualifications required for appointment to the highest judicial offices in the respective Party. The Secretariat also announced a call for applications on its website. The Secretariat stressed that a list of proposed new members/alternate members of the Advisory Committee should be ready by 15 July, and officially submitted shortly thereafter.

Preparation of the Informal Ministerial Council

7. The Presidency, supported by the Secretariat, presented the agenda for the upcoming Informal Ministerial Council in Banja Luka. The European Commission and the Secretariat presented the expectations for the discussions on the implementation of the Electricity Integration Package and on the future carbon pricing system.
8. The European Commission presented the state of play and the updated time-line for the finalization and its consultation for the Contracting Parties of the Impact Assessment Study on Carbon Pricing.

Conclusions

9. The PHLG adopted the conclusions of the present meeting.



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For the Permanent High Level Group

THE PRESIDENCY